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February 7, 1928

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Miss Florence E. Smith,
Casilla 811,
Santiago, Chile, S.A.

My dear Miss Smith,

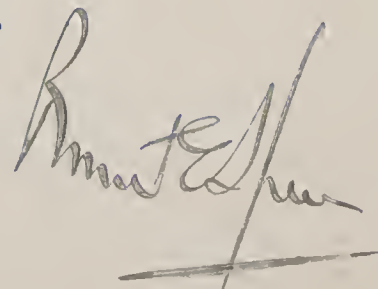
Emma showed me the other day the list of books which you read last year. I was delighted to see it and am going to use it to shame and rebuke some other people. It is astonishing to me that so many men and women in Christian work at home and in missionary work abroad can get along with so little solid intellectual nourishment.

My list for last year amounted, I think, to about 80 books but more of them were frivolous than usual. This year I have started in on some good solid ones so as to have a heavier proportion of such books on this year's account. The three substantial ones in January have been Bushnell's "God in Christ", which certainly stretches one's mind a bit, Frazier "The Golden Bough", a great classic which I think is over praised and Beveridge's "Life of John Marshall" This is a big 4 volume book and I have got through only the first two.

There has been no time for reading whatever except on railroad trains, but, indeed, that is usually the case. I am looking forward however to the voyage out to Jerusalem. Emma and Constance and I expect to sail on February 25th on the "Adriatic" This is one of the Mediterranean cruising boats touching at Madeira, Gibraltar, Naples, Algiers, Athens, Constantinople, Haifa and Alexandria. I think we shall get off at Alexandria for two days in Egypt and then go up by rail to Jerusalem. I wish you were coming. It is good to know that Dr. Mackay will be there. He was at the Latin American dinner this January. I missed the dinner but Emma was there. She said most of the speeches were deadly dull but that John Mackay's was a jewel. I am sending you a copy of a queer little unsatisfactory publication known as "The Inquirer" in which you will find a part, at least, of John's speech and some other Latin American material that may be of interest to you.

With warm regard,

Your sincere friend,



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June 28, 1928

Miss Florence E. Smith
Casilla 811,
Santiago, Chile
South America

My dear Miss Smith:

Your good letter of May 28th was received last week and I have delayed answering until I could consult Professor William Adams Brown. It is interesting to see that he names some of the very books that Evelyn Underhill has suggested. In addition to Raven's and Streeter's books Dr. Brown recommends - Quick's "The Christian Sacraments," Temple's - "Christ the Truth," and Gore's "Reconstruction of Belief." The last of these I know that you have read because it is on that remarkable list of books which you wrote to Emma you had read in 1927. The other two books by Quick and Temple I am ordering for you and charging them to a little fund which a friend put in my hands some time ago.

Dr. Brown recommends also Dean Bell's Documents on Christian Unity and the official report of the Lausanne Conference, and Professor Heiler's article on the "Anglo-Catholic Movement," in the Church Quarterly Review for October 1927. I doubt, however whether you need Bell's book and the full Lausanne Conference Report.

I think it will be better if I send you the October number of the Review of the Churches which contains a full report of the Conference and also the April number of the Review, and I will try to get for you the Church Quarterly Review with Heiler's article.

You will be interested to know that Bishop Temple and Canon Quick and Canon Raven were all at the meeting in Jerusalem and were among the most helpful people there. Emma and I will never cease to regret that it was not arranged for you to come. Erasmo Braga did wonderful service in behalf of Latin America. If only you had been there the representation would have been complete. Emma and I both felt that it was the greatest experience of our lives, as everybody felt who attended the meeting. I have been speaking about it ever since and it is amazing to see the interest everywhere. I referred to it in my sermon at the opening of the General Assembly and am sending you a copy of that sermon herewith.

After the Council meeting in Jerusalem Emma and Constance and I had a wonderful trip through northern Palestine and into Syria. I left them in Syria at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ford in Sidon, with the orange trees in bloom and the night-in-gales singing in the gardens and the blue waters of the Mediterranean stretching out to the sunset. I came home straight from there to reach the General Assembly. Emma and Constance remained a fortnight in Syria and then came on to Florence and Budapest for the meeting of the World's Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association. Dr. Ford saw them off in Beirut, apparently in perfect health; Three or four days later he passed away. He was one of the noblest and most loveable men I have ever known and my visit with him was a benediction.

June 28, 1928

Emma and Miss Clara Reed are on their way home now, due tomorrow on the Mauretania. Constance is coming a week later with her friends.

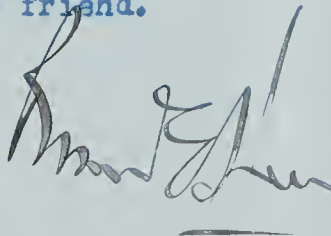
China continues in turmoil but the work in Peking has gone on uninterruptedly. We have had no anxiety at any time on Margaret's account. She and Randolph Sailer and Joe Sailer, who married a brother of Elliott's wife are all in Peking and quite easy in their minds, as we are in our minds about them.

I suppose Emma will be going up to our lovely new home in Lakeville shortly and I will spend what time I can there this summer.

The candidate department is earnestly seeking for some one to come down to your help. Miss Frederickson who had been appointed, has dropped out. Miss Reid has a candidate in her place but I advised her holding the papers to consult Emma about them. It will be good to see you when you come home on furlough.

With warm regards,

Your sincere friend.

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February 9, 1933
(Dictated February 3)

Miss Florence E. Smith,
Casilla 811, Santiago,
Chile, South America

My dear Miss Smith:

It was a great pleasure to get your letter of January 14th, which I will take home for Emma to read. She has been very well since going up last year to Canada to see Dr. Locke at Williamsburg for her feet. He is a remarkable personality of whom you may have heard, living in a little village and treating patients by the thousands who flock to him. He and the new shoes he prescribed have certainly been a great boom to Emma. She moves around now with great agility. Last evening she was speaking in Orange and this noon she goes off to speak in Plainfield. She went to Baltimore last week-end to see Patty and Joan and caught a bad cold in an overheated car on the way back but she has got rid of that now.

It is good to hear of the Mission meeting and of vacation time and to know that you are going to the Lakes. I wonder if Mr. McLean has gone trout fishing. If so, I wish I were with him.

It is especially good to hear of the Retreat and I hope you can have another when Dr. Mackay comes. He has taken hold splendidly here with great wisdom and efficiency in the administrative part of his task, and with great acceptance in the Churches wherever he goes to speak. We are very grateful to have him just at this time when the Report of the Appraisal Commission of the Laymen's Foreign Missions Inquiry has raised most fundamental questions regarding the basis of the missionary enterprise and the essential nature of Christianity itself. You will have received before this, I hope, full information regarding the Report and the Board's action and also copies of the article which I wrote for the January issue of "The Missionary Review of the World" appraising the Report. We are beginning now to get the reactions of the British and European Churches and they are very trenchant and severe.

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The only difficulty I see in sending you information regarding the Manchurian situation is that there is such an immense amount of it. I have given up trying to assemble it as it would mean the gathering of an entire library. I think one of the most convenient statements is the little pamphlet published by one of the Carnegie institutions summarizing the Lytton Report. I am asking that a copy of this should be sent you. I am asking also to have sent you a copy of "Japan speaks on the Sino-Japanese Crisis, which, I judge, is a semi-official Japanese statement. The best statements on the Chinese side have been those of Dr. W. W. Yen at the League of Nations and I am writing to him in Geneva asking him if he will be good enough to have sent you the best material he can. We are having sent to you also "Manchuria: Cradle of Conflict," by Owen Lattimore; and "China Speaks on the Conflict between China and Japan," by Chih Ming.

You will have received long before this a copy of "Re-Thinking Missions" which was sent out to each station and also the action of our Board. Mr. Wright of the Western India Mission, I think, has been rather favorable to the Report. He wrote me that at the Meeting of the National Christian Council in India it was an object of derision to the British missionaries.

If you are interested in the new books on the Barthian Movement, I would suggest Walter Lowrie's book which has just appeared. My copy is at home but I think ~~on~~ the jacket of the book bore some such title as "An Inquiry into the Theology of Crisis" as to whether it be not the only possible theology for us today. Lowrie was in college with me. He comes from old Presbyterian stock. His grandfather was a brother of Walter Lowrie, the first secretary of our Board. This present Walter went first to Princeton Seminary and then became an Episcopalian and was rector for many years of the Episcopal Church in Rome. He is a thorough scholar and of first-rate intellect and he has accepted Bathianism whole--mindedly and whole-heartedly. This book is as clever a book and as able a book as I have read for a long time, and it is a good introduction not only to Barth but Kierkegaard, the Danish theologian, long forgotten but now revived, and for whom Dr. John Mackay, who has just come to us, has a deep regard.

A good book with which to supplement Lowrie's is Karl Heim's "The New Divine Order." Heim is a former secretary of the German Student Christian Movement, who is now a professor in the University of Tubigen, and Dr. Keller of Geneva and others tell me that he and Barth are the two dominant theological forces in Germany at present. Heim was at the International Missionary Council in Jerusalem. He is a dear simple Christian and it is wonderful to think of him and what he represents in clear New Testament evangelicalism teaching in the very University of Strauss and Baur. Heim and Barth take independent lines but it is interesting to compare their treatment of the concepts of time and eternity. Both, I judge, hold to the qualitative difference of time and eternity as against the concept of their merely quantitative difference, so that eternity is not merely a prolongation of time but something totally different.

Miss Florence E. Smith

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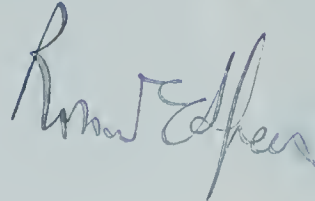
February 9, 1933

Emma would wish to join in sending a great deal of love
if she knew I were writing.

With warm regard,

Your sincere friend,

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July 3, 1935
 (Dict. July 2)

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Miss Florence E. Smith,
 Casilla 811,
 Santiago, Chile, S. A.

My dear Miss Smith:

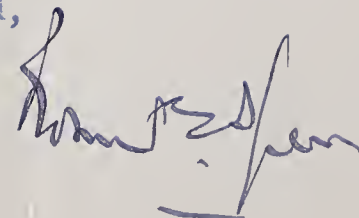
Emma and Constance and William are all at Lakeville now with Constance's two little children Joan and Donald and with Elliott's youngest child Margot who is now five and who has been with Emma and me all this last winter. They are having a gloriously happy time, and it is lovely to see the two little girls together playing in unshadowed joy from the moment they awake until the moment they fall asleep. I was up this last week-end, and Emma showed me your letter of June 19 with its request for material on race relationships. I am asking Revell to send you a copy of my book on "Race and Race Relations" which is somewhat encyclopedic and which I am glad to contribute to your book club. I am asking the Federal Council and the Interracial Commission Offices both to send you any pamphlets or documents which are available for free distribution. I trust that these will all reach you in time for the preparation of your paper for the October meeting.

You will be sorry to learn that Dr. McAfee has had a severe heart attack which has laid him aside. The doctors have forbidden his doing anything whatever this summer or fall. If we can have him back by November we will be fortunate. Dr. Scott who is just back from his trip to Asia states that he does not wish to return to a regular Secretaryship. He wants to give himself to some special studies so that we have to carry our load here with somewhat reduced force. Happily Mr. Nicol of Syria who has helped in the offices before has been willing to postpone his return to Syria for several months and has come in to help us at least until the middle of September. We have a Committee of the Board at work on the selection of two new Secretaries to succeed Dr. McAfee and me, as we will both be retiring under the age limit rule, Dr. McAfee next year and I the year following. It will be a joy to be freed from the constant speaking and office work to do the things that I shall be glad to turn my hand to when the door opens.

With kind regard from us all -

Your sincere friend,

RES:AMW



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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

December 18, 1929
December 16, 1929 Dictation

Miss Florence E. Smith
Box 344
Newport, Tenn.

My dear Miss Smith:

It was a pleasure to get your letter with the enclosed list of books prepared by Mr. Durant. I think, however, that you can do much better than this if you want to get a library of one hundred books for the Foyer. Mr. Durant's list is prepared, naturally, in accordance with his own proclivities and also has bearing too much on one particular viewpoint. Many of his books ought to be included in any list but others of them should be replaced.

I do not have before me President Elliot's shelf but I think that also ought to be revised for your use unless indeed it can be procured at such a reduced price and it would be wise to take it as a whole and supplement it with other books.

I received the other day a pamphlet from the Book League of America, which I am sending you herewith (under separate cover) inserting in it Durant's list which you sent me. This list also has some good suggestions in it.

I think what you would want, however, would be a special list made up distinctively for your own purpose. If you are in Englewood some day and Dr. Sailer would be willing to give you an afternoon I think that you and he, with his library and with his knowledge of books and with this other list before you, would be able to prepare something which would be much nearer to your needs. If we had had these lists and had thought of the matter at Rockledge last summer you and Emma and I could have made up a list then.

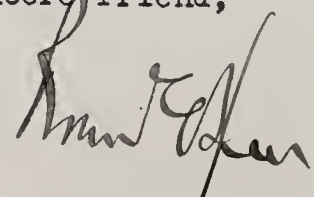
If you and Dr. Sailer cannot find time to do as I have suggested, and you will let me have back these two lists, I can send them, with a copy of President Elliot's list to some one of our good librarians and ask him or her to make a revised list for you.

Emma and Constance got off comfortably on Saturday night. Billy and I took them over to the gigantic ship which sailed from a remote dock in Brooklyn and I trust they are having a more comfortable voyage than the Bremen had coming westward.

With best wishes for a happy Christmas time,

Your sincere friend,

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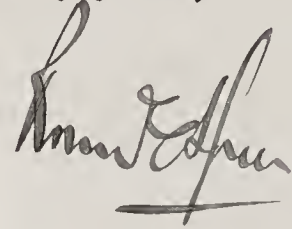
December 20, 1929
Dictated Dec. 17th.

Miss Florence E. Smith
Box 344
Newport, Tennessee

My dear Miss Smith:

I have been waiting to get the current number of the Religious Book Club Bulletin to send you because it contains a growing list of the latest religious books. I enclose a copy herewith. If you would like to be kept in touch with the new books that come out from time to time I am sure that the Religious Book Club would be glad to send you regularly a copy of the bulletin even though you do not subscribe to the monthly book issues which they recommend.

Very cordially yours,



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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

July 3, 1929

Miss Florence E. Smith,
SS. Pastores, United Fruit Company
Pier 9, North River, New York City
(Due July 7th)

My dear Miss Smith:

Emma is at our home in Lakeville where I am expecting to go up this afternoon to stay until Saturday night. She writes that you are due on Sunday, July 7th on the S.S. Pastores from Havana.

I am afraid I shall not be able to get down to meet you as I have to speak morning and afternoon in the Fifth Avenue Church, but Charles Kirchhoff, of our offices will meet you and no one will be of more help to you than he. He will do everything that can be done in connection with your baggage and in making any other arrangements.

Emma writes in the hope and expectation that you will go straight from the steamer to Lakeville. If you can do this you should take the train from the Grand Central Station to Millerton - a three hours ride. There are not many trains on Sunday. There is one in the morning at 8:34 which reaches Millerton at 11:42, and one in the afternoon at 4:15 which reaches Millerton at 7:24. These hours are standard time, New York, as you know, is on Daylight Saving time, which is one hour later, so that these trains leave according to New York Daylight Time at 9:34 and 5:15.

Our home is only about three miles from Millerton and Billy will meet you with the car if you will send word. The telegraph offices in the country are often closed on Sunday so that it would be best for you to telephone to Lakeville 282, which is our house telephone number.

If you get in at ten o'clock in the morning you will have a good part of the day in New York and ought to go to some hotel until train time. Or if you have business here in New York which you want to attend to before going up to Lakeville, Charles will take you to one of the hotels where you can stay over until Monday or Tuesday as you desire. In that case perhaps you could telephone in addition to telephoning Emma to me to let me know where you are. After the Sunday morning service at the Fifth Avenue Church I will be coming down to our apartment at 24 Gramercy Park, where the telephone number is Gramercy 1577. Perhaps I could get a glimpse of you on Sunday - if you are going up to Lakeville that afternoon; or on Monday or Tuesday if you are staying over for any business in the city.

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Miss Florence E. Smith -

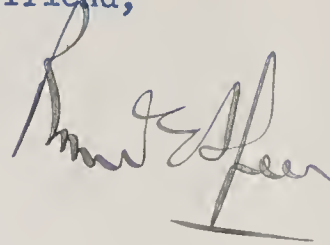
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July 3, 1929

It will be good to see you again and a warm welcome is waiting you both here and at Lakeville.

Your sincere friend,

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July 23, 1934

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Miss Florence E. Smith,
Casilla 811,
Santiago, Chile, South America.

My dear Miss Smith:

I know that Emma writes you from time to time, but I am sending a note today to give you the latest word regarding Miss Dickie. I was in Clifton Springs last Thursday at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees and as I always do went around to see Miss Dickie after the meeting of the Trustees had adjourned. She was sitting on the porch of the comfortable home where she is so lovingly cared for, and we had a good long talk together. I thought that she looked a little feebler than the last time, but she was very bright and cheerful. The very next day, however, she had a grave setback, as indicated in the following letter which has just come from her friend, Miss Mary E. Smith:

"Box 232,
Clifton Springs, N. Y.
July 17, 1934

"Dear Dr. Speer,

"Miss Dickie has asked me to write you that her brother, Mr. Henry A. Dickie, passed away last Friday, July 13, and funeral services were held and the body cremated last Sunday afternoon. Miss Dickie is too ill to write, and when I spoke of mentioning her illness she did not wish it, but Mrs. Stone thinks you should know of her condition.

"Last Friday morning she had another stroke and has been in bed since. She is not able to help herself, and her speech is affected so that it is difficult to understand her. The doctor says she may come out of this as before, but of course he is not sure.

"Mrs. Stone has cared for her as a daughter, but she is becoming so helpless the doctor thinks she should be in the Sanitarium where she can have constant care and supervision, and he is making arrangements to have her taken down today or tomorrow.

"I should have written Miss McMillan last week but Miss Dickie told me she was taking her vacation."

I have written Miss Smith, of course, telling her of our approval of the transfer of Miss Dickie to the Sanitarium and asking her to keep us frequently informed of Miss Dickie's condition.

It has been a long time since I have written to you so I will just go on with a few more paragraphs.

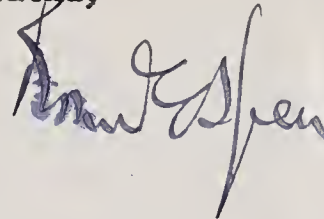
I have just been having a good talk this morning with Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn of the Punjab Mission. They have been spending their furlough in

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Morgantown, West Virginia, which was the home, I think, of Mrs. John C. Lowrie, one of the little company of first missionaries sent out by our Church to India one hundred years ago last year. They had been visiting the members of the Lowrie family in central Pennsylvania and had a copy of the beautiful little memoir of Mrs. Lowrie published shortly after her death only a few weeks after her arrival in India. We were recalling the incidents of those early days in the life of John Lowrie and his father, Walter, who was for so many years Secretary of our Board and the blessing of whose character and devotion has been one of the greatest heritages of our Church. These folk were men and women of singular probity and purity of spirit, of undaunted courage and of great and undimmed vision of the central evangelistic purpose of the missionary undertaking. They knew the Gospel of the New Testament and believed in it; were convinced that it was the power of God unto salvation, and while they were very large-minded in their use of every available method of school and press and hospital they never for one moment lost sight of the primary aim and they preached Christ by word and deed, by day and night. We have suffered a great deal, I believe, from the disposition of today to separate word and work. There have been some who are satisfied to speak the word without incarnating it in life and love, but there have been a great many more who have been content with good works and have forgotten that New Testament preaching was the telling to men and women by persuasive word the meaning of Christianity. There is a good article by Dr. Bowman of our Punjab Mission in the last issue of a magazine, "World Dominion," pointing out the authentic meaning of the word "evangelize" and making it clear that that is our central business.

With warm regard from Emma and myself -

Your sincere friend,



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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

February 27, 1935

Miss Florence E. Smith,
Casilla 811,
Santiago, Chile, S.A.

My dear Miss Smith:

It was a great pleasure to get your letter of January 31st with its warm words of sympathy with Emma and me. Everything is still in mystery as regards Elliott's death. There was a long judicial inquest in Greenfield, Massachusetts, in December. The only outcome was the decision of the Judge that Elliott had come to his death at the hands of some person unknown. The Massachusetts police still have the matter in hand and the Trustees of the Schools have offered a reward for any information that would lead to the discovery of the criminal, but thus far he is still unknown.

We work along from day to day as well as we can although there have been innumerable problems, and will be for the years to come. Holly has not been at all well or strong but hopes to be able to take up some definite work next fall and has a most attractive offer from a Girls' School near Philadelphia to go there with her three little girls and take charge of the social life of the school. If she is strong enough for the post this would be an ideal arrangement. We still have little Margot, the four year old, with us. She is just recovering now from a very bad cold and told me last evening when I came home that she was just full of pep. It may be that Holly and the two older girls will go out to China this spring to be with her brother for a while. This will give them a good rest and will take Holly away from the home conditions and problems. We shall be moving all her belongings down from Mount Hermon to Lakeville this spring as soon as we get a new barn done which is meant to give us lots of overflow room.

We are hoping to have a visit from Patty and her two children this summer. She is planning to bring them over at the end of May and to spend June and July here. We are hoping that it may be possible for her husband to come with them, but I am afraid that he may have to stay with his hospital work in London.

It was good to get your further word regarding Senor Subercaseaux. Dr. Mackay has kept us informed about him and I trust that everything is going to work out well and that he may prove to be a great Spanish evangelist.

Miss Florence E. Smith,

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February 27, 1935

Dr. Howard, I imagine, is on his way to Colombia now. They were very anxious I know for his coming to follow up the fine work that he did there last year.

You will be sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Barber of Colombia. One snowy day we went out with Mrs. Barber to his burial in our Englewood cemetery. He was a bright and faithful spirit. It was always a joy to see him for the light that shone on his face.

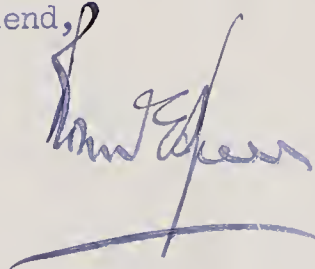
In accordance with your request I am getting you Walker's History of the Christian Church. It is very hard to find a single volume that is just what one wants. If it is a dispassionate and objective volume it loses in interest; if, on the other hand, it is written from a personal point of view, one is in danger of getting not the history but the reconstruction or partisan interpretation of it.

It is good to know that you are riding horseback, and I trust that you have had a real rest and re-creation at Rari-ruke.

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the report of the service in memory of Elliott at Mount Hermon last November. If a copy has already reached you will you kindly pass this copy on to Mr. McLean.

With much love from us all,

Your sincere friend,



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THE CENTENNIAL YEAR
1937

September 1, 1937
(dict. August 31)

Miss Florence E. Smith,
Casilla 811,
Santiago, Chile, South America.

My dear Miss Smith:

It was a great pleasure to get this morning your letter of August 23 sent by air mail with its recollections of those far-off happy days of long ago—your visit to Elizabeth, followed in later years by the happy visits to Englewood. The next time you will be visiting us at Lakeville.

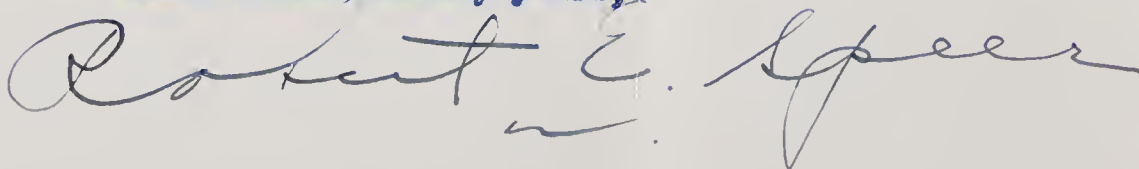
I am just back this morning from a series of addresses at the Southern Presbyterian Conferences in Virginia and North Carolina and am working away to clear off the last remnants of my correspondence here and then to leave for good and all tomorrow afternoon.

Emma has been all summer at Lakeville, and I am looking forward eagerly to settling there with her for the years that lie ahead. Billy has been home all summer, and Emma has had Margot, Elliott's younger daughter with her. Holly and the other two children have been abroad and will be coming home very soon. Indeed Holly and one of the children will be with Marnie on the "Queen Mary" due on September 6. Marnie left Peiping via Siberia on her furlough in the summer before the troubles broke and has been visiting Constance in England.

I hope that you are well. I rejoice in all that you have been able to do through these years and to think that there is a great deal more still to be done that you will be doing in the years to come.

With warm regard from us all -

Ever affectionately yours,



RES:AMW
Dictated by Mr. Speer
Signed in his absence

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Miss Florence E. Smith:
Casilla 811,
Santiago, Chili

My dear Miss Smith:

It was a great pleasure to get your letter of December 16th with the list of books read in 1930. You certainly have been doing some good solid reading these last years. I am glad to have this list to add to the two other lists which you sent me in '28 and '29.

I am very glad you like "Some Living Issues" and especially the chapter on "Christian Ideals of Education."

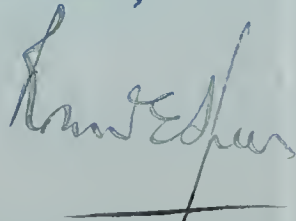
Mr. Wheeler is reporting to you fully the distresses which we share with you here over the finances of the Instituto. I am more than ever of the opinion that the only right, sensible, Christian way to do is not to do anything until you have the money in hand with which to pay for it.

I wish you could drop down at 24 Gramercy Park this afternoon. Emma and Marnie are having a little tea party for Miss Ding of China and will have together just such a company of friends as you would rejoice to meet. They are both very well and we are having happy times together. Last night we were dining with two dear friends who are among the most interesting people in New York - Huger Elliott and Mrs. Elliott. He is Educational Director at the Metropolitan Museum and she was Elizabeth Shippen Green, whose illustrations you will have seen in many books. She is a cousin of Emma's and they are as nice and intelligent people as live. The night before the three of us went to see Ruth Draper in her amazingly clever monologues, and whom should we find right behind us but the two little wives of the Congregational and Episcopal ministers in Salisbury. Tomorrow evening we shall be with a company of friends at Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bakers. The difficulty is to get enough spare hours in evenings for the work that simply cannot be done in the office and that must be done some time.

Mr. Elmore comes into the office now and then. It is always nice to see him and to see his happy smile and to hear his happy voice.

With a great deal of love from us all,

Your sincere friend,



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Postscript - Letter to Miss Florence E. Smith, January 30, 1931

You will be interested in my last note from Miss Dickie from Clifton Springs: She has been there for some weeks, having gone up on account of some very serious trouble with her eyes.

"Three or four days ago came your most kind letter, which I greatly appreciated. And also a very generous letter from Dr. Wylie's office, regarding my staying on here a little longer if the Doctor considered it advisable, rather than going out into one of the village homes, which would make treatments at the Sanitarium in this inclement weather rather difficult. Thank you for all the items in your letters about the family.

"The one I see the most up here is Miss Thompson, formerly librarian of the Northfield Seminary, who knows Elliott and his family quite well. She has been here since last August. And it has been a pleasure to have at the same table and our rooms near together, Mrs. Updegraff of Kolhapur, India, who is, as you know, a cousin of the Misses Fullerton, retired in India, the story of whose father's life you gave me for Christmas, which is such a very inspiring missionary memoir. Also on this same floor are Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Trowbridge of Egypt. He has been operated upon and they will not be returning. She is away just now - a most attractive woman.

"My eyes are better and now that I have new glasses I can use them with moderation. They require care: four times a day I put a drop in the harmed eye and one drop at night in the good eye. I am grateful things are no worse. The difficulty in my writing is caused by the first and second finger tips and thumb being numb, from the clot, I suppose, and this my Doctor says, I must overcome myself.

"I am hoping, because of the good progress I have made, that the Lord intends me to do more work for Him. Else why did He not take me when life hung in the balance, and why allow this expense for my stay here? But the near future I do not yet see clearly. He knows.

"I am greatly enjoying it here, with kind and congenial friends, a splendid doctor, good helpful nurses. And my heart is grateful to you and to others."

Casilla 871, Santiago,
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Dear Mr. Wheeler:

In going through my desk this week I have found some letters from Mr. Speer to me which I had mislaid. I don't know how far along in your biography you are or whether perhaps your space is now all taken, but if not I think perhaps you might like to have these eleven letters written between the years 1928-1937. At any rate I am sending them to you ^{at Lakeville} by registered air mail and if you cannot use them, I should like to have them back.

I hope the book comes on apace.
With best regards

Sincerely yours,

Florence C. Smith